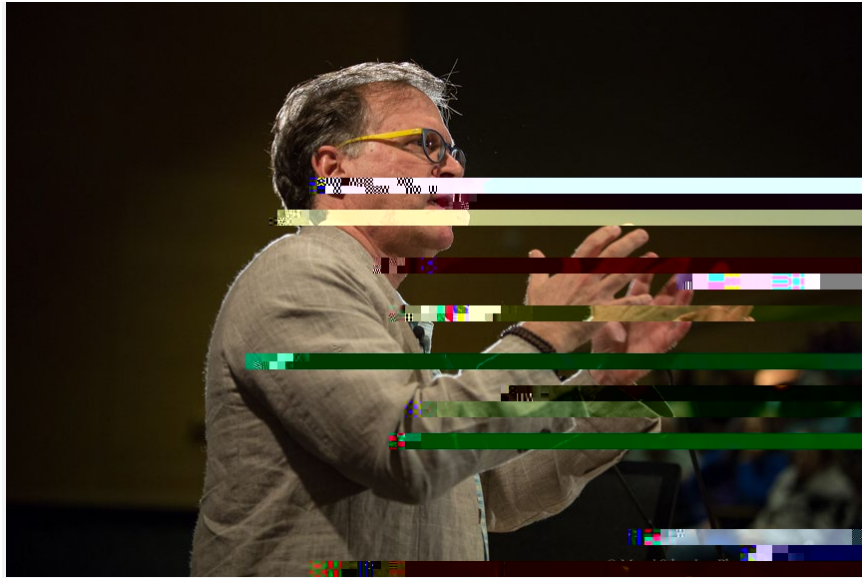


# FALL 2022 LECTURES



## JEWES AND LATINOS: UNLIKELY PARTNERS

A lecture by ILAN STAVANS

Lewis-Sebring Professor of Humanities, Latin American, and Latino Culture at Amherst College

Wednesday, October 19 at 4:30 PM

Gannett Auditorium in Palamountain Hall at Skidmore College

Reception to follow

Admission is free and open to the public

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including booster.

**About the speaker:** Ilan Stavans is the Publisher of Restless Books and the Lewis-Sebring Professor of Humanities, Latin American and Latino Culture at Amherst College. His books include *How Yiddish Changed America and How America Changed Yiddish*, *Spanglish*, *Dictionary Days*, [\*The Schocken Book of Modern Sephardic Literature\*](#), and *A Critic's Journey*. He has edited *The Norton Anthology of Latino Literature*,

the three-volume set *Isaac Bashevis Singer: Collected Stories*, *The Poetry of Pablo Neruda*, among dozens of other volumes. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, Chile's Presidential Medal, the International Latino Book

Davis Auditorium in Palamountain Hall at Skidmore College

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**About the lecture:** How do we narrate Jewish life in the modern Middle East? This is a question that animates my [research](#) as an Israeli historian of the modern Middle East at Penn State University. In this talk I will analyze the intellectual struggle over this question, and focus on an innovative collaborative project, titled "Reimagining Jewish Life in the Middle East and North Africa, 1800-Present," that challenges conventional thinking about the diverse and variegated history of Jews across the region. Writing a comprehensive history that is also attentive to the particularities of space and time motivated myself, Michelle Campos (a historian of the Ottoman Empire), and Orit Bashkin (a historian of Iraq) to create an international workshop that included papers from Jewish studies and Middle Eastern studies scholars from around the world. Out of this workshop, a project consisting of 35 committed scholars—including Murat Yildiz from Skidmore's History Department—was formed.

Diaspora in the U.S. and Israel. Additionally, he is one of the leading editors of the NEH Funded project on “Reimagining Jewish Life in the Middle East and North Africa, 1800-present.” Lior Sternfeld is author of ***Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran*** (Stanford University Press, 2018). His website is <https://sites.psu.edu/liorsternfeld/>.